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To whom it concerns

I feel as a consumer that I May be able to purchase a product such as a computer, that I should be able to have certain choices of what is loaded onto my computer, application or operating system. It's bad business when I Buy a car, that I do not have a choice of interior or exterior colors, Options like A/C, P/W, P/L, sunroof, etc. I do have a choice to goto another manufacturer. but when there is shadey dealings going on that a manufactuer cannot offer dual boot operating systems or a choice, that the consumers get left out, as well hurt small business such as (Be inc.) Which I think was greatly harmed by microsoft, and Be's Operating System being a breakthrough before Microsoft's and Apple's recent released Operating Systems. I currently use it now, and have been using it for a couple of years. I think it is absolutely the best Operating System avaiable and will never stop using it. However I do have to use my Windows98SE for somethings due to limited drivers, largely due to Microsoft's monolpoly, (because the company's fail to write the driver's because they know Microsoft rules the market). I would like to see the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed: examples: open Office file formats, Win32 APIs, make dual-boot options mandatory, etc..."

Thankyou
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